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# SONIC X™

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A DIMENSIONAL RIFT TRANSPORTED SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, HIS FRIENDS, AND ARCH-ENEMY FROM THEIR WORLD TO STATION SQUARE ON EARTH. A HERO IN HIS OWN WORLD, SUPERFAST SONIC HAS BECOME EARTH'S CHAMPION!

# Attack From Area 99!

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PITY POOR SONIC. WITH HIS NEMESIS DOCTOR EGGMAN IN PRISON FOLLOWING THE EGGMOON CAPER, HE DOESN'T HAVE MUCH WORLD-SAVING TO DO...

I'M BORED!

SO YOU'VE SAID.

REPEATEDLY.

COME ON, KNUCKLES! EGGMAN'S IN PRISON! NO ONE'S GONNA COME TO ANGEL ISLAND AND STEAL THE MASTER EMERALD.
I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE, SONIC...

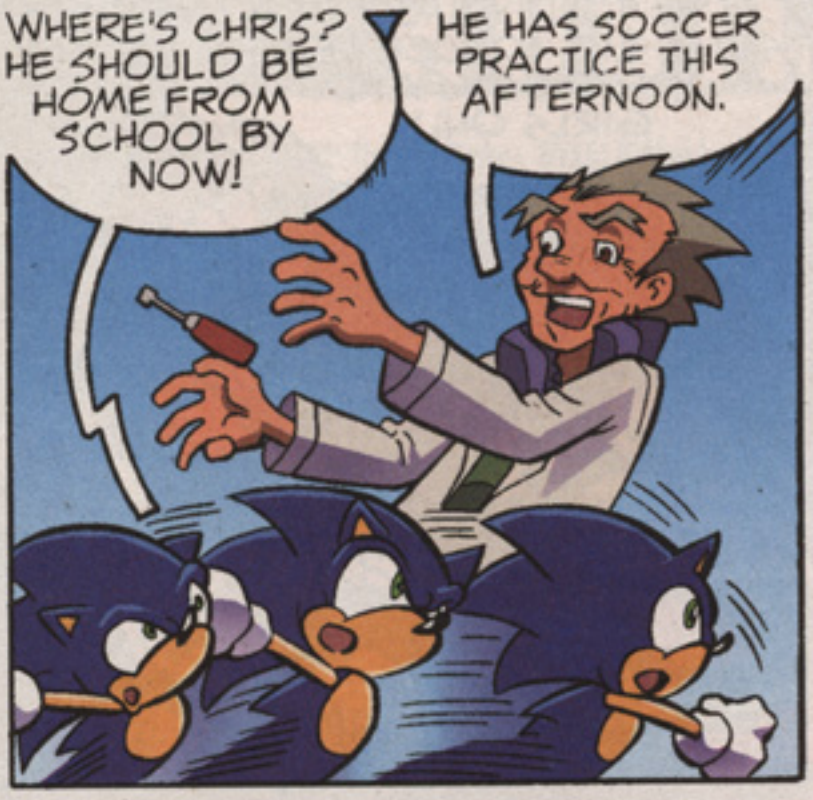
...IT IS MY SACRED DUTY TO GUARD THE MASTER EMERALD. I CAN'T GO ADVENTURING WITH YOU.
DON'T YOU EVER GET BORED JUST STANDING HERE ALL DAY?

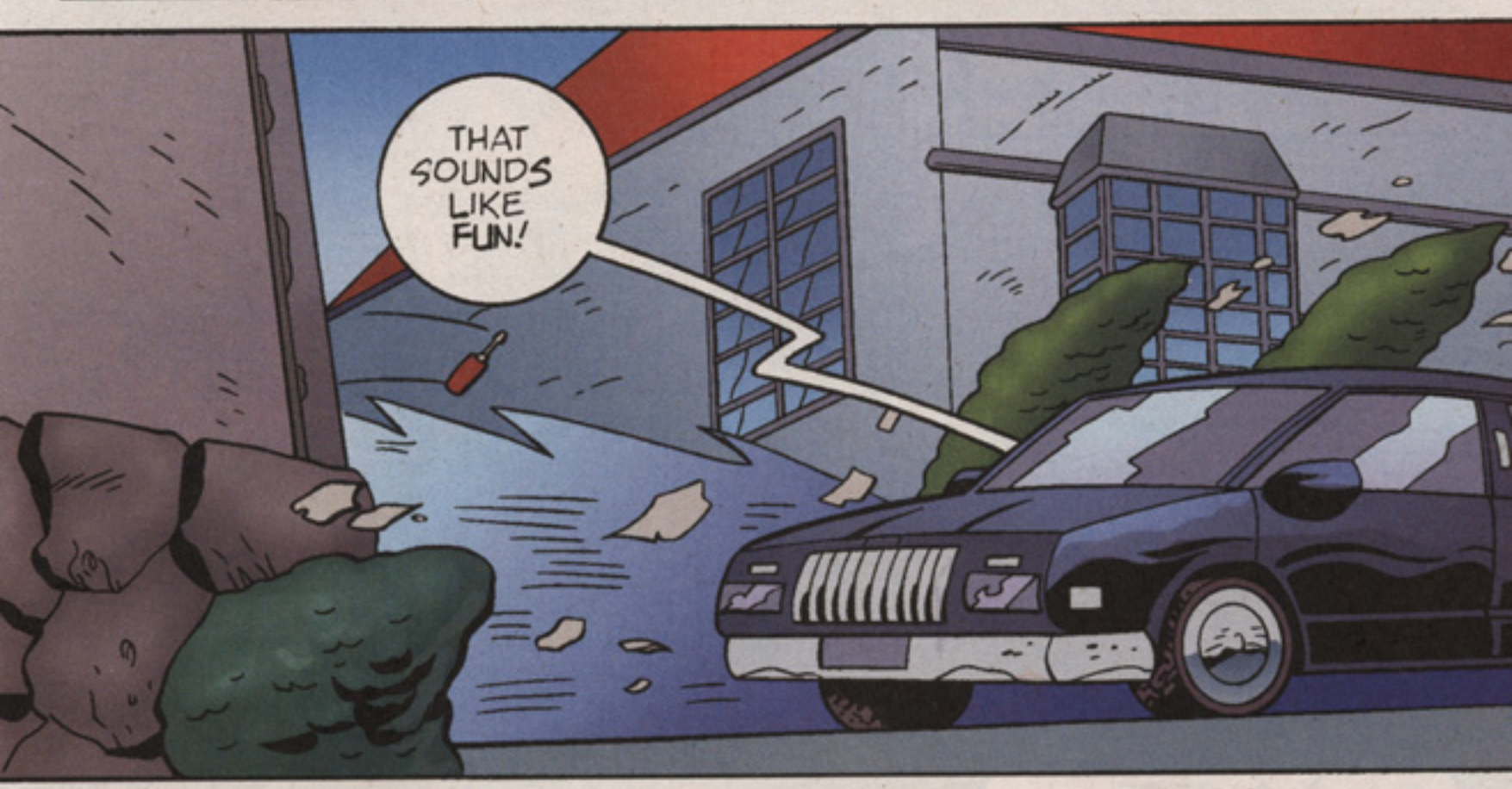
IT TAKES GREAT STRENGTH OF CHARACTER TO BE SO DEDICATED TO ONE'S MISSION IN LIFE.
ARE YOU SAYING I'M NOT STRONG?

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO PROVOKE ME INTO A FIGHT JUST SO YOU CAN BE ENTERTAINED.
GO FIND SOMEONE ELSE TO BOTHER.

SHORTLY, AT STATELY THORNDYKE MANSION, THE HOME OF CHRISTOPHER THORNDYKE...
I'M BORED!

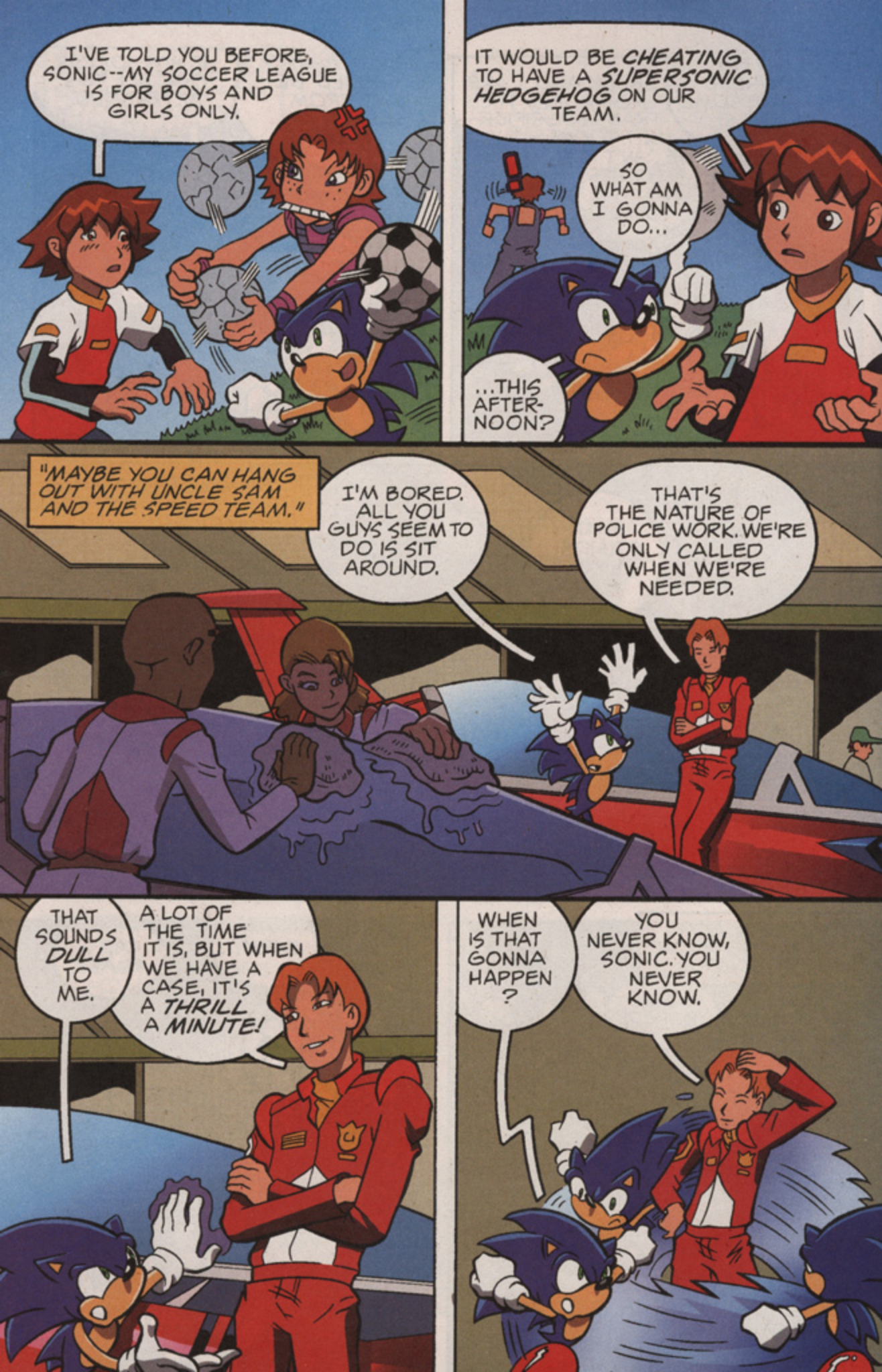
LET'S GO FLY SOMEWHERE AND HAVE SOME FUN, TAILS!
CHUCK AND I ARE UPGRADING THE TRANSMOGRIFIER UNIT TODAY. WE CAN'T FLY ANYWHERE UNTIL IT'S DONE.


WHERE'S CHRIS? HE SHOULD BE HOME FROM SCHOOL BY NOW!
HE HAS SOCCER PRACTICE THIS AFTERNOON.


THAT SOUNDS LIKE FUN!

SECONDS LATER, SONIC ARRIVES AT CHRIS'S SCHOOL...
I'M BORED!

HI, CHRIS!
CAN I PLAY?


I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE, SONIC--MY SOCCER LEAGUE IS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS ONLY.
IT WOULD BE CHEATING TO HAVE A SUPERSONIC HEDGEHOG ON OUR TEAM.
SO WHAT AM I GONNA DO...
...THIS AFTER-NOON?
"MAYBE YOU CAN HANG OUT WITH UNCLE SAM AND THE SPEED TEAM."
I'M BORED. ALL YOU GUYS SEEM TO DO IS SIT AROUND.
THAT'S THE NATURE OF POLICE WORK. WE'RE ONLY CALLED WHEN WE'RE NEEDED.
THAT SOUNDS DULL TO ME.
A LOT OF THE TIME IT IS, BUT WHEN WE HAVE A CASE, IT'S A THRILL A MINUTE!
WHEN IS THAT GONNA HAPPEN ?
YOU NEVER KNOW, SONIC. YOU NEVER KNOW.

BACK AT THORNDKE MANSION...
MILES PROWER ?
ALSO KNOWN AS TAILS THE FOX?
YES.

WE'RE AGENTS CHEUNG AND DEVINE OF THE GUARDIAN UNITS OF THE NATIONS.
THE COUNTRY NEEDS YOU.

IT LOOKS LIKE TAILS IS IN FOR SOME ACTION, BUT WHAT ABOUT SONIC?
ATTENTION, SPEED TEAM! ILLEGAL STREET RACERS HAVE BEEN SEEN...
...ON PELLER PARKWAY.
YOU ARE TO INTERCEPT AND ARREST THE DRIVERS!
ALL RIGHT, TEAM! ROLL OUT!

FINALLY! SOME EXCITEMENT!

SEVERAL MILES AWAY, THE SPEED TEAM CATCHES UP WITH THE ILLEGAL STREET RACER!
THE STREET RACERS ARE TOO CAUGHT UP IN THEIR RACE AND ELUDING THE POLICE TO NOTICE THE MOTHER AND CHILD DIRECTLY IN THEIR PATH!
NOOOOO!
THUNK!
WAAAH!
MY BABY!
THIS IS A JOB FOR ME!

WAAAH!

EVEN GRAVITY CAN'T HOLD SONIC BACK WHEN HE'S ON A MISSION!

WAAAH!

WAAAH!

GOTCHA!

WHEEEEEEE!

HERE YOU GO... *SAFE AND SOUND!* WOW! BABIES SEEM TO BE ACCIDENT-PRONE ON EARTH!

THANK YOU, SONIC!

=GIGGLE!=

I'VE GOT TO GET GOING!

YOU TAKE THE YELLOW CAR, I'LL GET THE GREEN ONE!

GOOD PLAN!

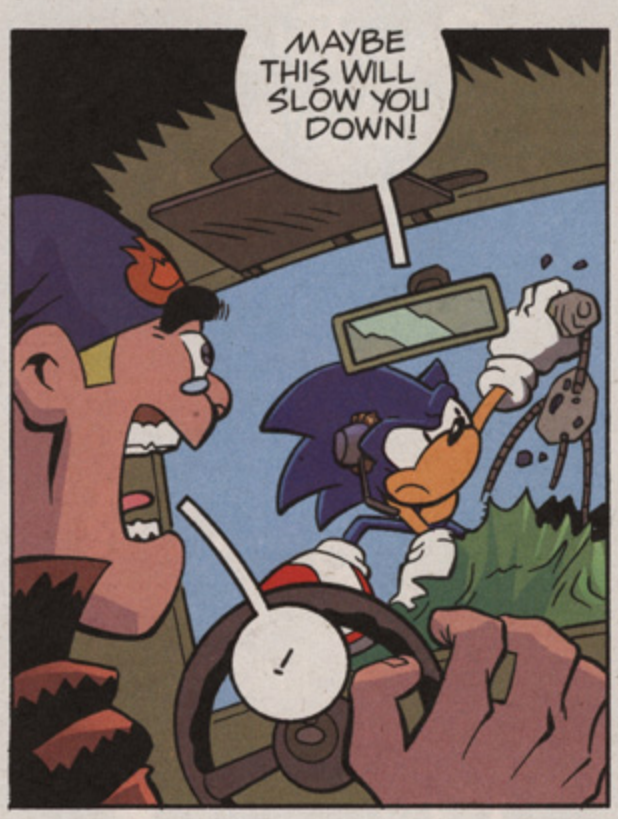
IF SAM SPEED'S RACER CAN'T OUTRACE SONIC, THEN THESE STREET RACERS HAVE NO CHANCE!

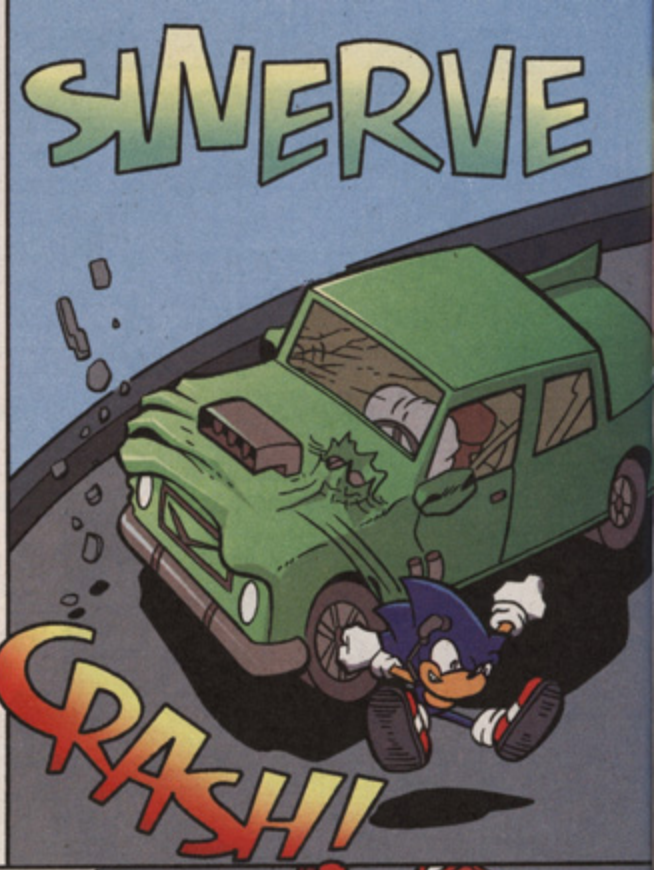
THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP

WHAT'S THAT?

I LOVE TO GO FAST, TOO...

...BUT I'D NEVER HIT A BABY!


MAYBE THIS WILL SLOW YOU DOWN!


SWERVE
CRASH!

HE'S ALL YOURS, PAUL!
THANKS, SONIC!

LOOKS LIKE SAM HAS THIS UNDER CONTROL.
I'LL JUST TAG ALONG AND PROVIDE BACK-UP.

THIS OUGHT TO SLOW HIM DOWN!
KLIK

THOOM

FWOOMP

THUNK

SKREEEECH!

ELSEWHERE, ANOTHER CRIMINAL SITS IN A PRISON CELL, PAYING FOR HIS CRIMES...

DOCTOR EGGMAN, WHAT ARE YOU READING?

I'M READING MY GRANDFATHER GERALD ROBOTNIK'S JOURNALS, DECOE.*

*DOCTOR EGGMAN GAINED ACCESS TO ROBOTNIK'S JOURNALS DURING THE SHADOW SAGA.

I WOULD THINK YOU'D BE PLOTTING YOUR REVENGE ON SONIC FOR SPOILING YOUR EGGMOON SCHEME.

MY PLOT HAS ALREADY BEEN SET IN MOTION, BOCOE...

"...I'VE ALREADY DISPATCHED BOKKUN TO ACTIVATE MY LATEST WEAPON AGAINST THAT CONSARNED HEDGEHOG.

"IT'S A LITTLE SOMETHING I PICKED UP DURING OUR TRIP TO PARIS--SOMETHING THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DESIGNED BY MY DEAR, DEPARTED GRANDPA."*

*SEE ISSUES 7, 8, AND 9 FOR THE WHOLE STORY.

BUT DON'T YOU WANT TO ESCAPE FROM HERE?

ALL IN GOOD TIME, DECOE.

I STILL HAVE HUNDREDS OF APPLIANCES TO REPAIR.*

*DR. EGGMAN IS GOING TO USE HIS APPLIANCES AGAINST SONIC IN ANOTHER ONE OF HIS CRAZY SCHEMES, BUT WE'LL BET YOU KNEW THAT ALREADY.

SO... WHAT HAPPENED TO TAILS? WHERE WAS HE TAKEN? LET'S FIND OUT...

WHY HAVE YOU BROUGHT ME HERE?

CAPTAIN WESTWOOD WILL EXPLAIN EVERY-THING.

HERE HE IS, CAPTAIN.

THANK YOU FOR COMING, MISTER PROWER.

I WASN'T GIVEN MUCH CHOICE.

MISTER PROWER, YOU ARE FREE TO LEAVE AT ANY TIME, BUT I DON'T THINK YOU WILL WANT TO GO ONCE YOU'VE SEEN WHAT IS IN HERE.

THIS ALIEN CRAFT WAS DISCOVERED BURIED IN THE DESERT.

OUR BEST SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS HAVE GONE OVER EVERY INCH OF THIS SHIP, AND THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO BRING ITS SYSTEMS ON-LINE. WE HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN ABLE TO GET INSIDE IT.

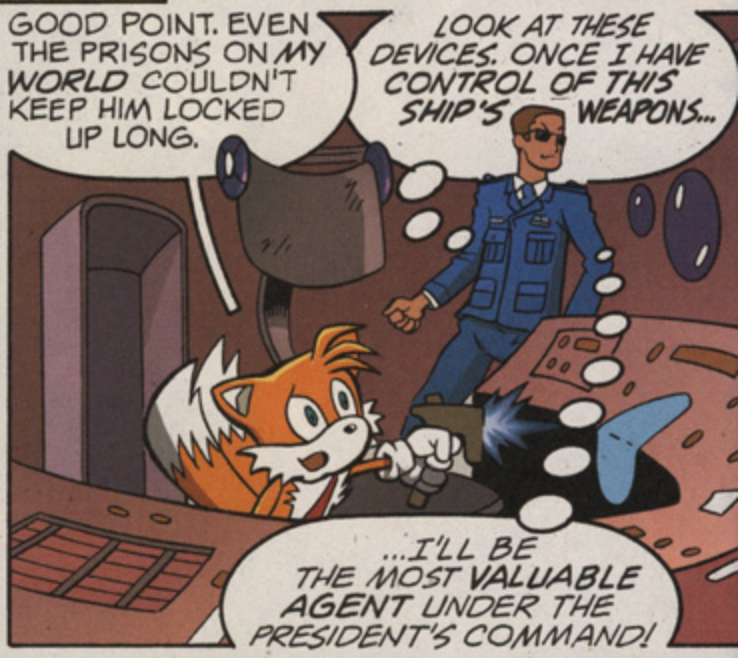
THAT'S WHY THE PRESIDENT REQUESTED YOUR HELP. YOUR POINT OF REFERENCE ISN'T FROM THIS PLANET. PERHAPS YOU CAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET IT FLYING AGAIN.

WOW!

ARE YOU SURE IT WORKS?
I'VE SEEN IT IN ACTION. IT ATTACKED ME WHEN I FOUND IT.*
*ACTUALLY, IT ATTACKED THE CAPTAIN AND SONIC WHEN THEY ENCOUNTERED IT IN ISSUE #7

THE SHIP HAS ADVANCED WEAPONRY THAT MAY PROVE USEFUL IF EGGMAN EVER HATCHES ANOTHER ONE OF HIS PLOTS TO CONQUER THE EARTH.
EGGMAN IS IN PRISON.

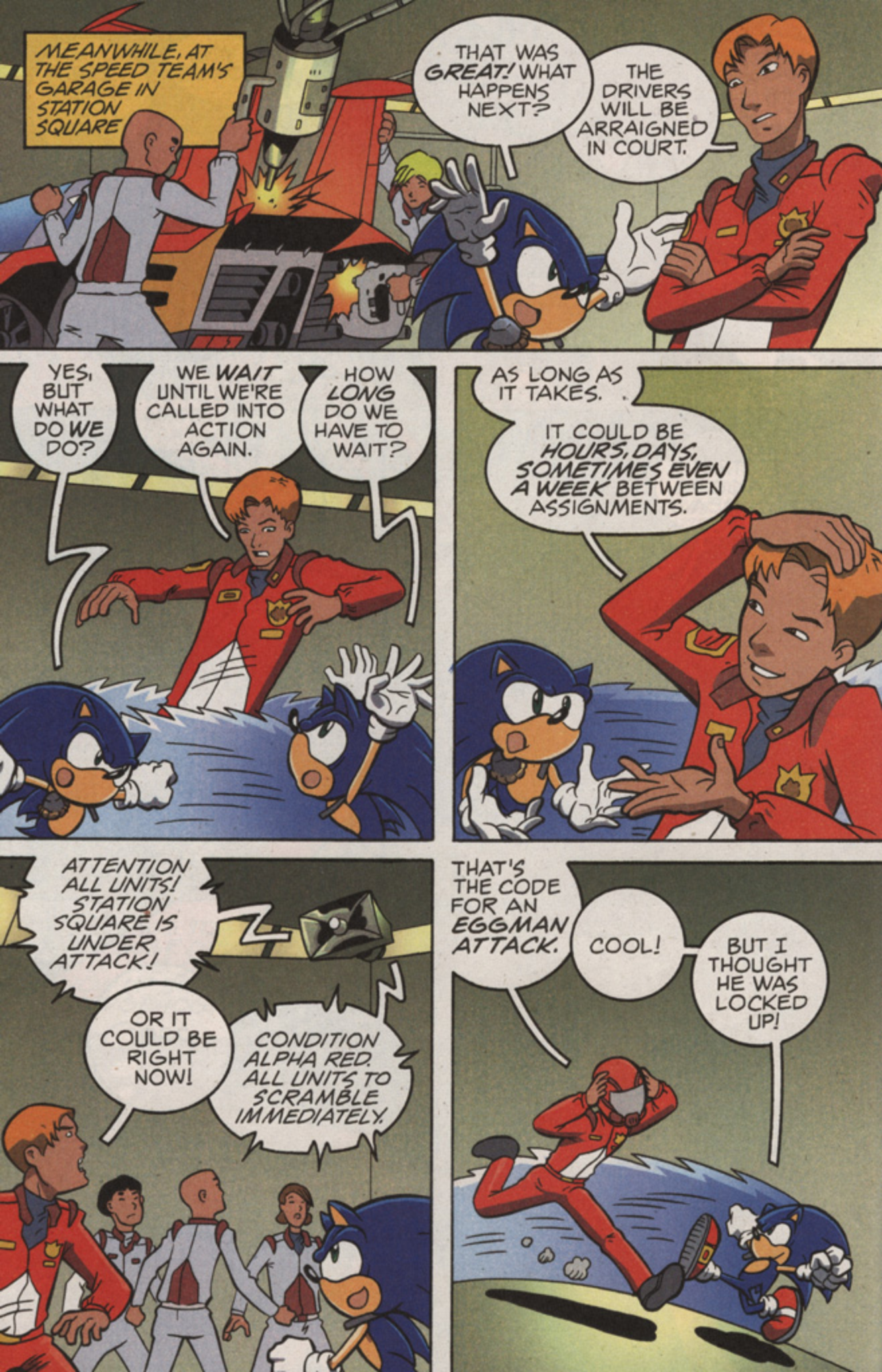
HOW'D HE DO THAT?
YES, HE IS. BUT DO YOU REALLY THINK ANY PRISON ON EARTH CAN HOLD HIM INDEFINITELY?


GOOD POINT. EVEN THE PRISONS ON MY WORLD COULDN'T KEEP HIM LOCKED UP LONG.
LOOK AT THESE DEVICES. ONCE I HAVE CONTROL OF THIS SHIP'S WEAPONS...
...I'LL BE THE MOST VALUABLE AGENT UNDER THE PRESIDENT'S COMMAND!

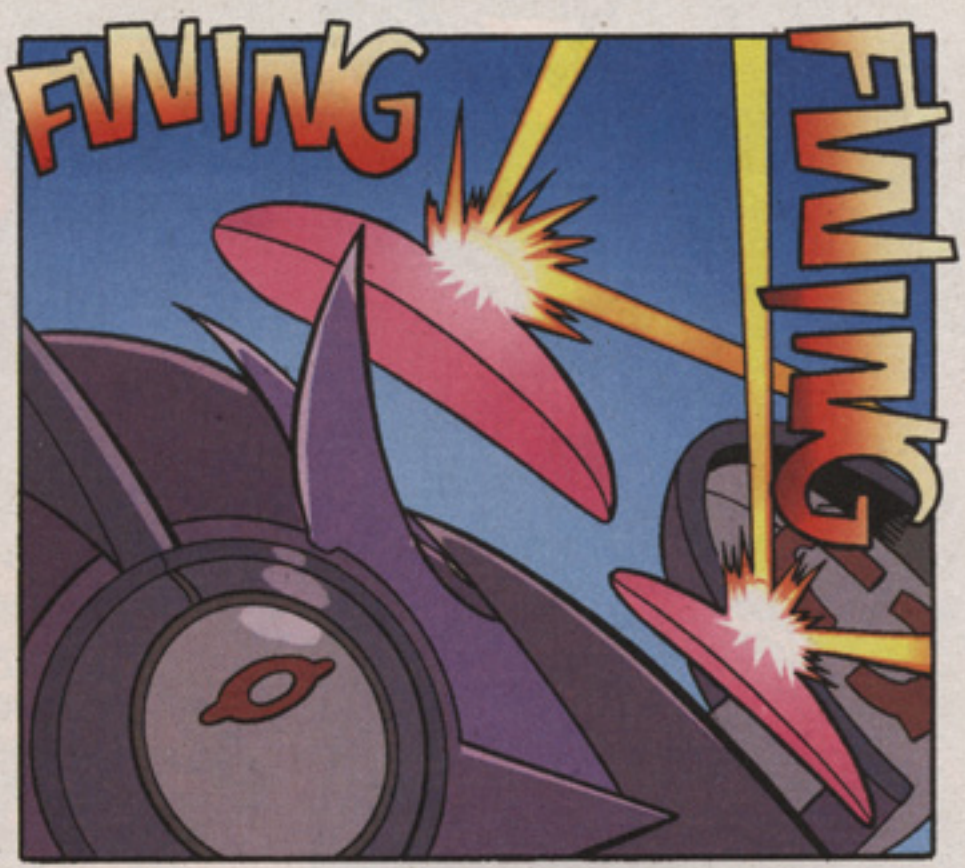
I'LL HAVE TOPAZ AND ROUGE DRUMMED OUT OF THE SERVICE AND SHOW UP SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, TOO!
YES --I THINK THIS IS THE ONE.

PRESS

IT'S TAKING OFF!
BOOYAH!
THANK YOU, MR. PROWER.
I'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE!
I DON'T THINK...
...THAT'S A GOOD IDEA.
OOPS.


MEANWHILE, AT THE SPEED TEAM'S GARAGE IN STATION SQUARE
THAT WAS GREAT! WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?
THE DRIVERS WILL BE ARRAIGNED IN COURT.
YES, BUT WHAT DO WE DO?
WE WAIT UNTIL WE'RE CALLED INTO ACTION AGAIN.
HOW LONG DO WE HAVE TO WAIT?
AS LONG AS IT TAKES.
IT COULD BE HOURS, DAYS, SOMETIMES EVEN A WEEK BETWEEN ASSIGNMENTS.
ATTENTION ALL UNITS! STATION SQUARE IS UNDER ATTACK!
OR IT COULD BE RIGHT NOW!
CONDITION ALPHA RED. ALL UNITS TO SCRAMBLE IMMEDIATELY.
THAT'S THE CODE FOR AN EGGMAN ATTACK.
COOL!
BUT I THOUGHT HE WAS LOCKED UP!

THAT'S NOT ONE OF EGGMAN'S SHIPS, SAM.
YOU'VE SEEN IT BEFORE?
YES. IT'S ALIEN IN ORIGIN AND MORE POWERFUL THAN ANYTHING YOU'VE EVER FACED!




LASERS JUST BOUNCE OFF THIS SHIP'S FORCEFIELD.

WEAPONS SYSTEMS ARE LOCKING IN ON THE GUARDIAN BEETLE SHIPS!

CAN YOU TAKE THE WEAPONS SYSTEMS OFFLINE?

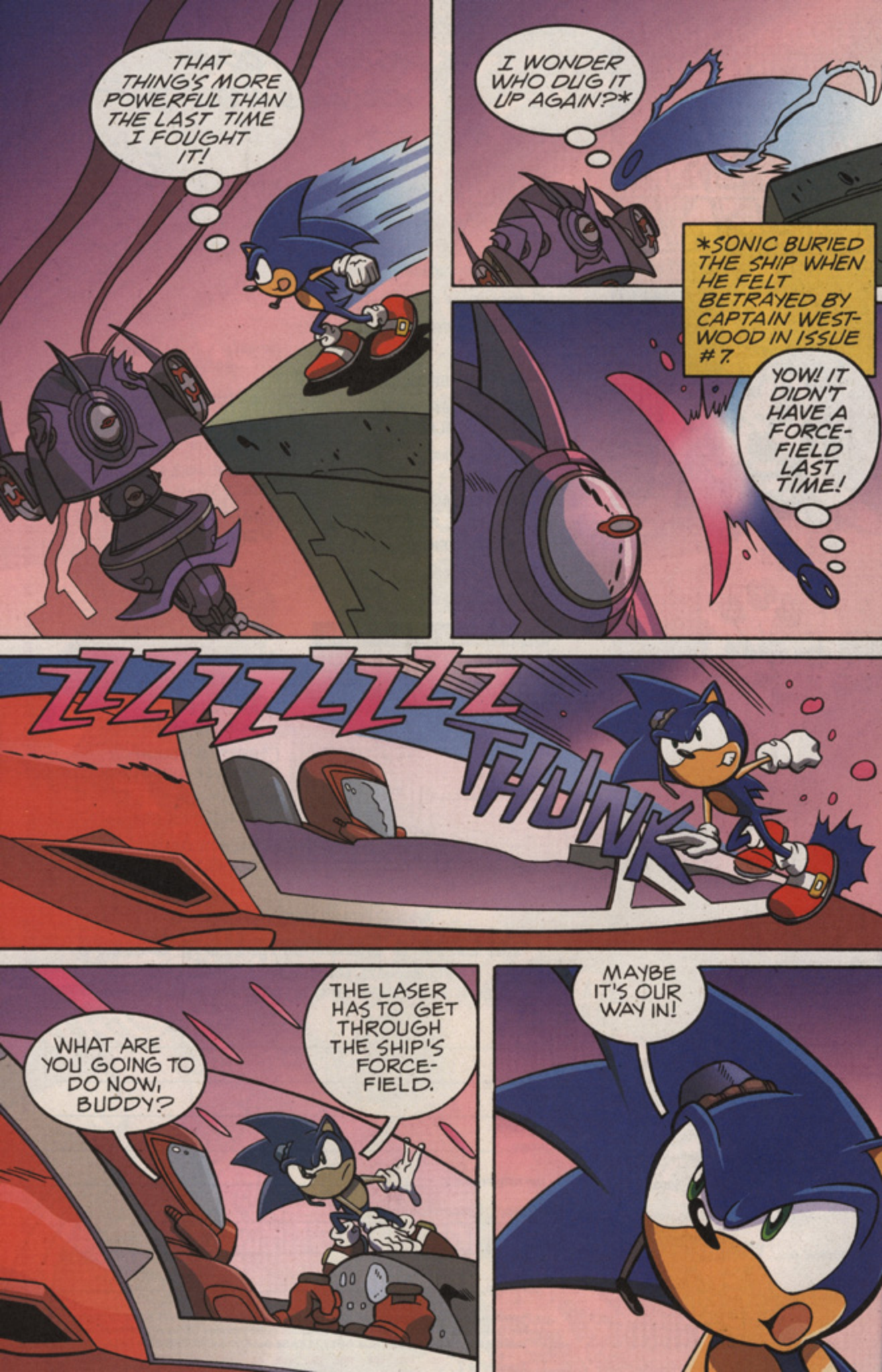
I'M TRYING, BUT THE SHIP'S WIRING *REPAIRS ITSELF AS QUICKLY AS I DISCONNECT IT!*

CAN YOU ESTABLISH RADIO CONTACT WITH THE OTHER SHIPS?

WE'RE TOO LATE!

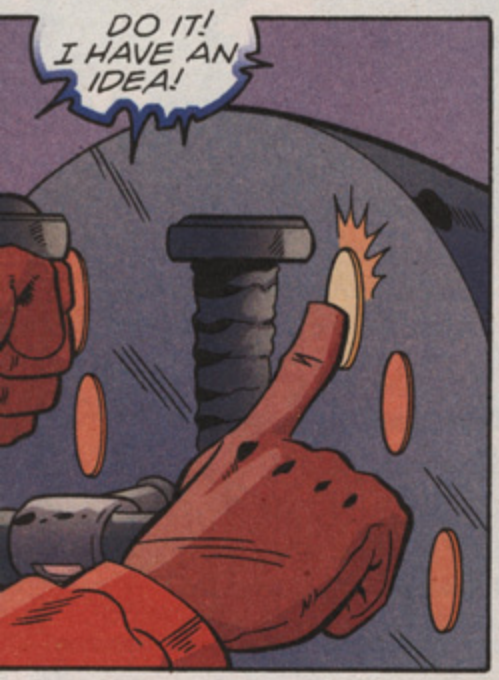
*WEAPONS FIRING NOW!*

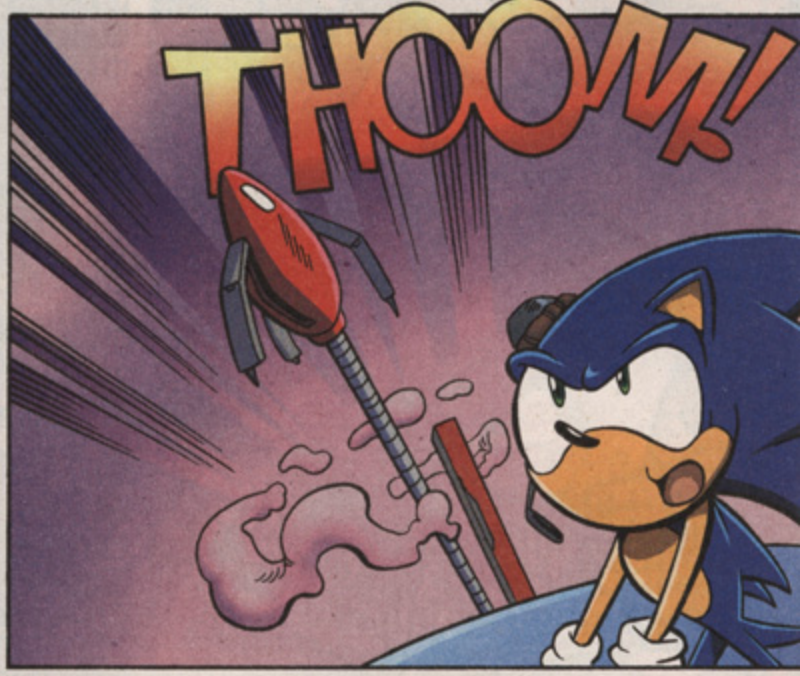
BOOM
BOOOM!
VROOOOOOOM!
KA-BOOOOM!


THAT THING'S MORE POWERFUL THAN THE LAST TIME I FOUGHT IT!
I WONDER WHO DUG IT UP AGAIN?*
*SONIC BURIED THE SHIP WHEN HE FELT BETRAYED BY CAPTAIN WEST-WOOD IN ISSUE #7.
YOW! IT DIDN'T HAVE A FORCE-FIELD LAST TIME!
ZZZZZZZZ
THUNK
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW, BUDDY?
THE LASER HAS TO GET THROUGH THE SHIP'S FORCE-FIELD.
MAYBE IT'S OUR WAY IN!

I CAN SEE THE GAP IN THE FORCE-FIELD!
BUT IT'S TOO SMALL FOR YOU TO GET THROUGH.

ZZZZZZZZ
CAN YOU FIRE YOUR CAR'S GRAPPLING HOOK THROUGH THE OPENING?
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO!


DO IT! I HAVE AN IDEA!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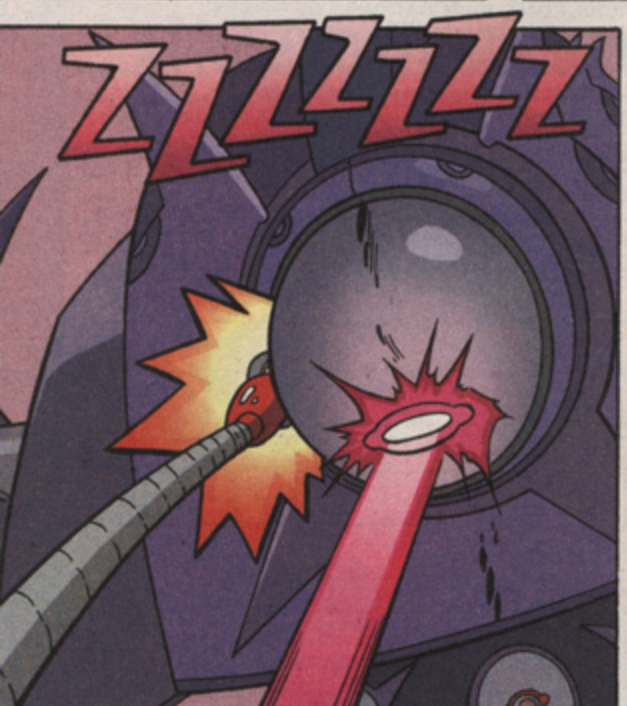
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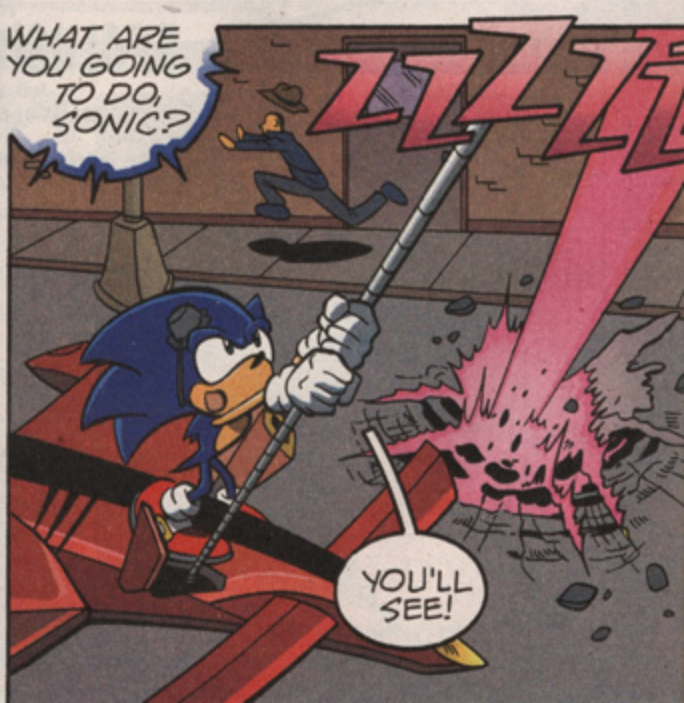
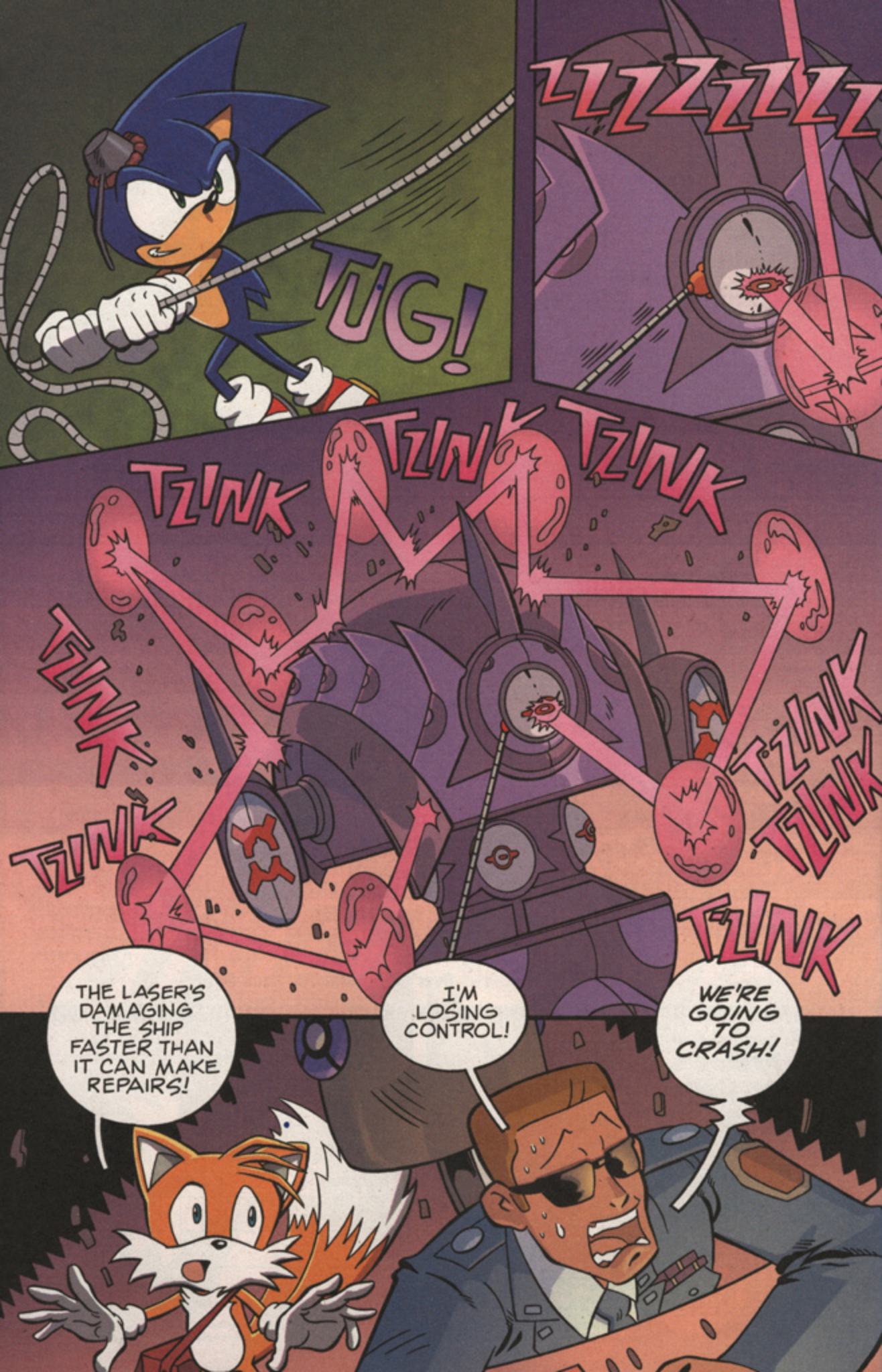

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, SONIC?
ZZZZZZ
YOU'LL SEE!


TUG!
ZZZZZZZZ
TZINK
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THE LASER'S DAMAGING THE SHIP FASTER THAN IT CAN MAKE REPAIRS!
I'M LOSING CONTROL!
WE'RE GOING TO CRASH!

KKRAASHHH!

THINGS GET WORSE FOR TAILS AND FOR THE REST OF SONIC'S FRIENDS AS A NEW EVIL HAS APPEARED! *SONIC X #13 ON SALE OCTOBER!*

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